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## **DES TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON FRAUD**

(Phoenix, August 16, 2002) The Department of Economic Security will host the 2002 United Council on Welfare Fraud (UCOWF) Training Conference, August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Phoenix. UCOWF is an international organization with approximately 2000 members from the US and Canada who have combined efforts to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in human service programs. Its primary focus is toward the detection, elimination and prosecution of those who fraudulently obtain government benefits. Membership includes investigators, administrators, prosecutors, eligibility interviewers and claims' writers from numerous local, state and federal agencies.

On Monday, August 19, 2002 the general session will focus on social security and housing fraud. The keynote speaker for the general session will be the Honorable J.D. Hayworth, United States Representative for Arizona's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. On Tuesday, August 20, 2002 the keynote speaker will be Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Workshop topics include but are not limited to effective interviewing, daycare fraud, electronic benefit transfer, Medicaid fraud, document fraud, bankruptcy issues, judgement, administrative disqualification hearings, financial exploitation of elderly, and maximizing collections with minimal cost.